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In re application of : C nfirmation No. 5439
Peter PÖCHLAUER et al. : Docket No.: 2001-0331A
Serial No. 09/834,926 : Group Art Unit 1623
Filed April 16, 2001 : Examiner P. Zucker

PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF :
OPTICALLY AND CHEMICALLY HIGHLY :
PURE (R) - or (S)- α -HYDROXY- :
CARBOXYLIC ACIDS :

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 29, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 15 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof.

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

14. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 11, wherein impure (R)-
2-chloromandelic acid is employed as the impure (R)- α -hydroxyacid.

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) The process as claimed in claim 19 in which the co-solvent is an ether or
ketone.